






New Ross Parish, Church of St. Mary & St. Michael

Parish Office Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10.30am to 2.00pm. Closed Holy Days & Bank Holidays. Wide range in stock of Holy Mass Cards, General Cards & Gift Ideas for all occasions. Holy Mass Cards (signed) are also available in Cooney's & Ryan's Funeral Homes.

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Date	Time	Intention	
Sat 23rd May 2020	6.00pm	Sheila Roche, Bewley Street Hugh O'Connor Mountgarrett	Anniversary 1st Anniversary
Sun 24th May	10.00am	John & Mary Butler & their Son Mike, Rathnure Michael Meaney, Nunnery Lane John O'Brien, "Hillside", The Maudlins Patricia O'Neill, Charleton Hill	Anniversaries 1st Anniversary 1st Anniversary Months Mind
Mon 25th May	10.00am	Joseph King, Mayo Lena & Jim Connolly, Late of Church Lane	10th Anniversary 11th Anniversary
Tues 26th May	10.00am	Holy Souls Mary Ryan, Creacon	Birthday Remembrance
Wed 27th May	10.00am	Mass for People of the Parish John O'Brien, The Maudlins	1st Anniversary
Thurs 28th May	10.00am	Michael & Delia Woods, Manchester Jim Connolly, Church Lane	Anniversaries Anniversary
Fri 29th May	10.00am	Laurence Kehoe, Newbawn James & Elizabeth Fardy, Irishtown	Anniversary Anniversaries
Sat 30th May	10.00am	Parish Mass Association	

Mass Bookings: We are currently taking Mass Bookings up to an including October 2020.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Pat Cleary, Southknock who has passed away recently. May He Rest In Peace.

ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS: We remember Aisling Dolan, Stephens Count (2nd Anniversary), Kathleen Pyne, Parkfield (7th Anniversary) & Bob Quinn, Priory Street, whose anniversary occurs around this time.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE: We remember Ned Cash, Hospital Road who's Birthday Anniversary occurs around this time.

Should you wish to have a loved one included in this section, please contact the Parish Office with the details by the previous Wednesday before 2.00pm.

Holy Hour: Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7PM with Prayer Reflections & Reflective Music concluding with Benediction. Please join us live stream on our website or tune in on Radio 104.7FM.



NOTICE:

Parish Office is open from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm Thursdays and Fridays for Mass Card's and Mass Bookings ONLY. All other services are available via. Tel: 051 421348 and Email: info@newrossparish.ie. Card Payments are preferable for transactions.

Next Weeks Readings:

SOLEMINITY OF PENTECOST
Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8, 16-20 or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5. Ps 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35 R/ cf v 30. Rm 8:22-27. Jn 7:37-79.



PATRON'S 2020 CANCELLED

PRAYER SERVICE SUBSTITUTE
SUNDAY 28TH JUNE AFTER
10.00AM MASS VIA. LIVE
STREAM ON OUR PARISH
WEBSITE OR RADIO 104.7FM.
DUE TO COVID 19TH RE-
STRICTIONS IT WILL NOT TAKE
PLACE IN THE GRAVEYARDS.

Sanctuary Lamps

available @ €10.00 per week.
Commencing Saturday @ 6.00pm.

Our Lady's (Left): Special Intention

Altar (Centre): Available

St. Joseph's (Right): Special Intention

PARISH INFORMATION.....

Safeguarding Representative: Mairin Jackson — Contact No: (051) 421348 — Any queries in relation to working with children or adolescence within our parish please contact the above.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—NEW ROSS: 085 8313073

Radio & Live Stream Mass: 104.7FM & New Ross Parish Website, Saturday Vigil @ 6.00pm & 10.00am Daily including Funerals Masses.

New Ross Parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group: Due to the Covid19 on-going restrictions New Ross Bethany Bereavement Support Group are unable to provide our Drop-In Service, or hold any face to face meetings at present. We are however, continuing our telephone service. If you need support at this time please do not hesitate to call us on 087 3846577.

Meals on Wheels: Avail of our piping hot quality meals available 5 days a week. To order just call 051-445711, St. Aidan Centre, Cross St.

Certificate Requests: Certificate fees at €5 each. Photographic ID is required for the candidate including the person who has been authorised by you to collect it. Request forms are available in the Parish Office. Collection on Fridays only. **Email request only for the interim.**

Weekly Collection and Supporting the Parish: During this unique period when normal services are not possible, we suggest that weekly envelopes be deposited in the letter box at the parish Office. Alternatively you can donate to our Parish via. "The Big Pink Donate Button" as per below sample, on the Ferns Diocesan Website. Contributions for the support of the priests maybe placed in a normal envelope and deposited in the same post box. **Please make all cheques payable to St. Mary & St. Michael Parish Church New Ross.** Total for Weekend 16th/17th May @ € 1901.00 (130 No. Envelopes). Thank you for the support.

DIOCESE OF FERNS

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Recommencement of Public Masses

COVID 19 has upset every aspect of society and our daily lives, causing unemployment, anxiety, sickness and death. We are living through the greatest disruption to life in living memory. We must be careful to acknowledge and empathise with the real pain being suffered by so many people. In dealing with our present situation, the cancellation of Public Masses is a major disappointment to many in our community. Sadly it is expected that such will remain the case until late July. In light of the guidelines concerning public gatherings and social distancing that will remain place after the lockdown is lifted, the preparation of the Church for public Masses will be a major undertaking. The Irish Bishops have just circulated a draft document to guide that preparation - it contains 85 directives. Clearly re-opening the Church for public Masses will be a huge undertaking. Attendance at Mass will be a different experience from now on. The co-operation of all in meeting the new demands is requested. We hope to form a team of parishioners to assist. Please see this notice as an invitation to be involved. The Parish Office will take names of those willing to be part of the re-opening planning. In the meantime stay safe.

Monsignor Joseph McGrath

ASCENSION----TRANSITIONAL YEAR



Everything that should be said about our present pandemic situation has been very fully expressed – fears around the reality of the days we are living through and anxieties about the immediate future. All aspects of life have been unhinged and to an extent we find ourselves floundering around trying to stay above water – financially, commercially, socially, spiritually, and educationally. It is important for us individually, nationally, locally and as Church to acknowledge the real pain people are experiencing; only then will we develop a proper empathy that can lead to healing, recovery and renewed confidence.

One important group that may not be receiving that required level of empathy is this year's Leaving Certificate Students. Their school year was trundling along its normal path until mid-March. Then commenced a very stressful period of uncertainty; weeks of wondering

would the exams be held, postponed, cancelled or replaced. Now that a decision has been taken, further doubts arise in pupils' minds as to the standing of their results; all very unsettling on the students, their parents and teachers in a situation that is stressful in normal circumstances.

I hope the following will be some consolation and encouragement. The students are well accustomed to the notion of a TRANSITIONAL YEAR; many will have availed of it. I believe 2020 will be seen as a Traditional year in the history of the Leaving Certificate Examinations. The present system of evaluating two years study in. Any subject by means of a three hour written examination has long been abandoned by many Third Level Institutions in favour of a modular approach and continuous assessment. The change will be gradual but its approach has been hastened by Covid 19. Steps will now be taken to ensure that such a major disruption in the lives of so many young people will never happen again. The 2020 Class will be forever remembered as the group that made the first historic step into a new revised system; truly an historic TRANSITIONAL YEAR. Be certain your results will be afforded equal status with those of former years. You are the pioneers of a new era of change.

Change of course is seldom welcomed and the unknown gives rise to understandable anxiety. Today's Feast- THE ASCENSION- reminds us of an equally worrying time for the followers of Jesus. While telling them that He was about to leave them, He clearly appreciates their unease and fear and repeats His cast-iron guarantee "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS".

He is equally aware today of your anxiety, as He is of the unease of society generally. Full understanding and support are needed by all as we face an uncertain future together. Your particular situation will be to the fore in our thoughts and prayers over the coming months. God too will be with you every step of the way. It may not be cool to admit that fact, while some will encourage you to seek help in other remedies. Parents, teachers, friends, family and neighbours offer positive support as always. Be sure to add God to that list!

Pope St. John Paul was born 100 years ago this week. Forty years ago on a visit to Ireland, he addressed thousands of young people in Galway racecourse. His message to them that day would be his message to you today. He spoke prophetically of the many changes. Likely to occur in Ireland in the years ahead. He listed the dangers of being led astray into false searches for solutions and happiness. He said "Something else is needed: something you will find only in Jesus Christ".

On Ascension Day Jesus left His friends but He did not leave them alone. He will not leave you alone either as you and we make our way together through these difficult times.

He is your forever friend; place your trust in Him

Monsignor Joseph McGrath

New Ross Parish Community strives to be a welcoming, life-giving PEOPLE, nourished by FAITH, WORSHIP of God and SERVICE of all in the example of Jesus Christ.